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Ashley Trosper
September 14, 2008

As the Farmers Market series comes to an end, I can honestly say that it has been an absolute privilege to meet and get to know a little bit about some of the farmers, artisans and gardeners in the area.

When State Journal photographer Hilly Schiffer came to me with the idea of covering a different Franklin County Farmers market vendor each week, I was elated about the opportunity to hang out on farms instead of being stuck in the office.

But more importantly, I was excited about sharing these stories with the Frankfort community. From the beginning, the concept of the series was to illustrate a day in the life of most of the vendors, proving that there's a lot more to it than meets the eye.

I think " at least I hope " I did these wonderful people justice.
You see farming means something to me other than fresh food or a dying profession.

My uncle, Dale Westerfield, is a farmer in western Kentucky, and from an early age I learned the value and experience of working the land for a living. To this day, his farm is my favorite place in the world, a place I can go to slow down, unwind and find an incredible sense of home.

Farming is a noble profession that exemplifies a cherished relationship between hard work and reward and a faith in the land.

And though I came into this with some knowledge of farming, I admit that over the last several months I have learned many things about produce, farming methods and most importantly, what farming means as a lifestyle.

Most of these vendors have emphasized the strong family ties in farming " whether they have been doing it all of their lives or do it to provide their children with the unique experience.

Regardless, it is a job that brings families closer together, working side by side to earn a living.

It is also a lesson in having faith in something bigger than you. While for the most part, the harder you work, the better off you are, farmers depend on Mother Nature to keep their crops going.

I cannot imagine working from sun up to sun down and watching a drought, flood or any other unpredictable condition ruin everything I had been working for.
While the weather plays an enormous role in farming, most of the farmers I met simply explained that it was just a part of the process. Their attitudes and faith in nature amazed me.

Riding on a tractor, picking apples, walking through acres of vibrant flowers and hanging out with honey bees were just a few of the things Hilly and I got to do (all on the clock), but my favorite was definitely seeing these people in action.

While farming or making soap or raising cattle can be immensely demanding, these Farmers Market vendors really looked as if they enjoy what they do.

Instead of working from nine to five, they punch the time clock according to the sun. But unlike most nine-to-fivers, they do not gripe about miscellaneous tasks and get to go to bed with a sense of accomplishment. I don't know about you, but I have to admit "I'm a little jealous.

And even though they have earned my personal respect, I'm here to say they command the respect

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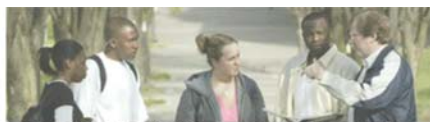
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of the entire community. These farmers are working diligently to grow local, healthy stuff that keep Frankfort growing.

Each vendor specified a particular thing they were doing to eliminate pesticide use or something that was eco-friendly. After meeting these people, I know they care about the product they are selling at the market.

This series is one I will never forget and these people have taught me things that no college professor ever will.

I guess what I'm trying to say is thank you.



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